NOTICE OFA CITIZENS INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP FOR THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF WATERS MILL ROAD (STATE ROAD 1517) AT-GRADE HIGHWAY/RAIL CROSSING IN LA GRANGE

TIP Project No. Y-4802C

Lenoir County

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will hold the above Citizens Informational Workshop on Tuesday, October 13, 2009, beginning at 5 p.m. and ending at 7 p.m. at the La Grange Town Hall Council Chambers, located at 203 S. Center Street.

NCDOT representatives will be available in an informal setting to answer questions and receive comments about the proposed project. The opportunity to submit written comments or questions will be provided and are encouraged. Interested citizens may attend at any time during the above mentioned hours. There will be no formal presentation.

NCDOT proposes to close the existing Norfolk Southern/North Carolina Railroad at-grade highway/rail crossing No. 722 837V at Waters Mill Road (State Road (SR) 1517). This proposed closure is part of an effort to reduce the number of redundant and/or unsafe rail-highway at-grade crossings statewide. Beverly Road (SR 1515) and Willie Measly Road (SR 1690) are nearby alternate crossings. A future highway project in the area will also provide alternative connections in the area, reducing some of the traffic on existing US 70.

Anyone desiring additional information may contact Nancy Horne, Rail Division, Engineering & Safety Branch, 1556 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1556, phone (919) 715-3686, or via e-mail at nhorne@ncdot.gov; NCDOT Consultant, Natasha Rodevick, HNTB North Carolina, PC, 343 E. Six Forks Road, Suite 200, Raleigh, NC 27609; phone (919) 424-0468, or via e-mail at nrodevick@HNTB.com.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who want to participate in this workshop. Anyone requiring special services should contact Horne as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.